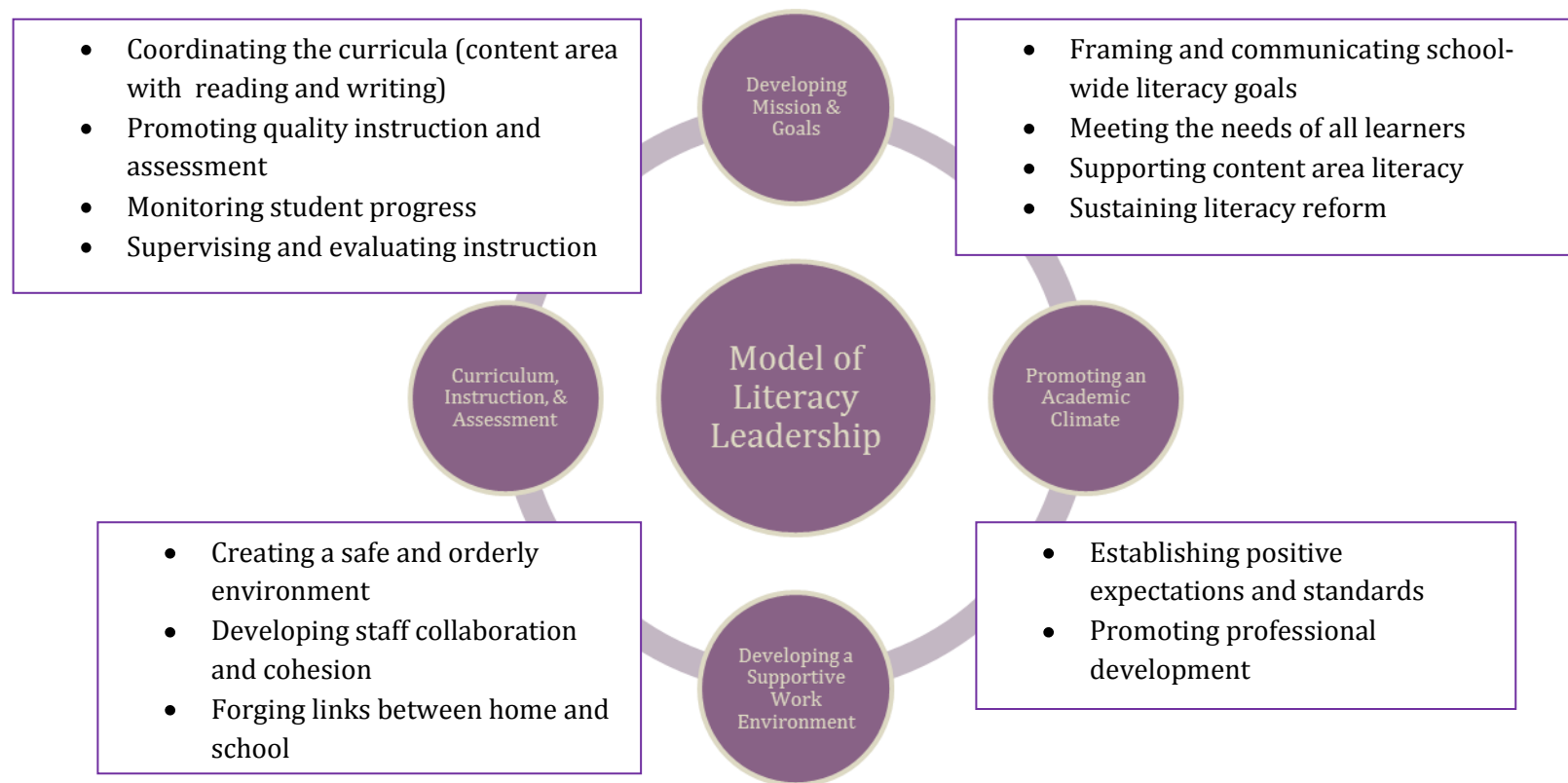# The Rhode Island Comprehensive Literacy Plan Resource for School Administrators

What is the Rhode Island Comprehensive Literacy Plan (RICLP)?

The Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) is deeply committed to ensuring literacy proficiency for ALL students and has created *The Rhode Island Comprehensive Literacy Plan (RICLP)*, 2012 in an effort to unify all state literacy initiatives for students from birth through grade 12. This plan will influence the pre-service and in-service training of teachers educated and/or employed in the state of Rhode Island and articulates that *all* educators are responsible for literacy instruction birth through grade 12.

The RICLP supports educators to strengthen their understanding of the components of literacy and implementation of best practices within daily instruction. Included are strategies, methods, and resources for assessment, intervention, and literacy within the content areas. As educators strive to ensure the literacy success of all students, the RICLP provides an abundance of resources and references.

- Coordinating the curricula (content area with reading and writing)
- Promoting quality instruction and assessment
- Monitoring student progress
- Supervising and evaluating instruction

Developing Mission & Goals

- Framing and communicating school-wide literacy goals
- Meeting the needs of all learners
- Supporting content area literacy
- Sustaining literacy reform

Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment

Model of Literacy Leadership

Promoting an Academic Climate

- Creating a safe and orderly environment
- Developing staff collaboration and cohesion
- Forging links between home and school

Developing a Supportive Work Environment

- Establishing positive expectations and standards
- Promoting professional development

Murphy's Model of Literacy Leadership, 2004

How might I use the RICLP?

School administrators may use the RICLP to become familiar with the components of literacy, specifically to lead the planning and implementation of appropriate instruction that meets the needs of all learners. The plan not only identifies best practices for literacy learning based on the most current research, but also offers implications for classroom instruction and links to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Also included are suggestions for supporting culturally and linguistically diverse learners, engaging families, and intervening with struggling students. You may also use the document to:

- Clarify Implications for Classroom Instruction. These implications are research-based and teacher friendly.
- Provide an overview of the 4 kinds of *required* assessments in a Comprehensive Assessment System.
- Assist in determining student learning objectives.
- Reference the *Implications for Interventions* for struggling students.
- Connect the RICLP to CCSS/Professional Growth/Educator Evaluation.
- Check out the Appendices:
    - Appendix A: *Planning and Evaluation Tool for Effective School-Wide Literacy Programs*
    - Appendix B: *Elements of Effective Adolescent Literacy Programs*
    - Appendices C: *A Consumer's Guide to Analyzing a Core Reading Program Grades K-3: A Critical Elements Analysis*
    - Appendix D: *Rhode Island Program Models for Educating English Language Learners*
    - Appendix I: *Protocol for Measuring Text Complexity* and tools for Reader and Task Considerations and Qualitative Measures Rubrics
    - Appendix M: *Teacher Knowledge and Skills: Instruction across the Components of Literacy*

How does this impact my leadership?

The RICLP impacts school leaders by providing guidance for educators that includes practical information and resources to guide instruction and assessment. Throughout the document, there are user-friendly charts that detail what effective practices "look like" and how they can be integrated into current practice. In addition, the RICLP can assist school administrators with planning for instructional and professional goals. The RICLP is a resource for school administrators who want to know more about responding to the needs of all learners.

Where can I find additional information about the RICLP?

The RICLP and resources for implementation may be accessed at: http://www.ride.ri.gov/Instruction/strivingreaders.aspx

Check out the latest RIDE resources on the CCSS!

www.ride.ri.gov/Division-EEIE/transition.aspx